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FM AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8176

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (PAGANI, FEDERICO), BR

SUBJECT: PAGANI

REF: BRASILIA 1670

1. PAGANI CASE HAS ENTERED NEW PHASE. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED MARCH 7 FROM PAGANI'S MOTHER STATING HE RETURNED TO PUERTO RICO TWO WEEKS EARLIER BUT "HIS WIFE MARILIA HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO RETURN. HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM HER SINCE. THIS IS A VERY DELICATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MATTER. AS FAR AS FEDERICO IS CONCERNED, SHE IS BEING HELD PRISONER IN A JAIL IN PORTO ALEGRE".

2. LETTER CONTINUES, "WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO PROCEED IN THIS MATTER, SINCE FEDERICO WAS LET OUT OF BRAZIL, BUT WAS TOLD NOT TO TELL ANYONE ANYTHING, BECAUSE HIS WIFE'S LIFE COULD BE IN DANGER, AND THAT SHE WOULD BE FREE TO COME TO PUERTO RICO LATER ON". LETTER, ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR, CLOSES WITH PLEA FOR HELP.

3. CONSUL BARR IN PORTO ALEGRE REPORTS RECEIVING QUITE EMOTIONAL LETTER FROM PAGANI HIMSELF SAYING THAT "AT THE TIME" HE COULD NOT TALK, THAT HE HAD PROMISES ON HIS WIFE'S BEHALF, THAT SHE HAD "POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN 1969," THAT HE WANTS ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE, AND THAT HE WILL COMMUNICATE AGAIN IN MORE DETAIL.

4. WE PROPOSE, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE, TO REPLY TO THESE LETTERS TO THE EFFECT THAT WE
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ARE PREPARED TO MAKE INQUIRIES ON MARILIA'S BEHALF ON

THE GROUNDS THAT SHE IS THE WIFE OF A US CITIZEN PROVIDED (1) WE ARE FURNISHED WITH DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF THOSE GROUNDS, I.E. A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OR ITS LEGAL EQUIVALENT, AND (2) PAGANI GIVES US A COMPLETE, DETAILED, AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE LAST TIME HE SAW HER.
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